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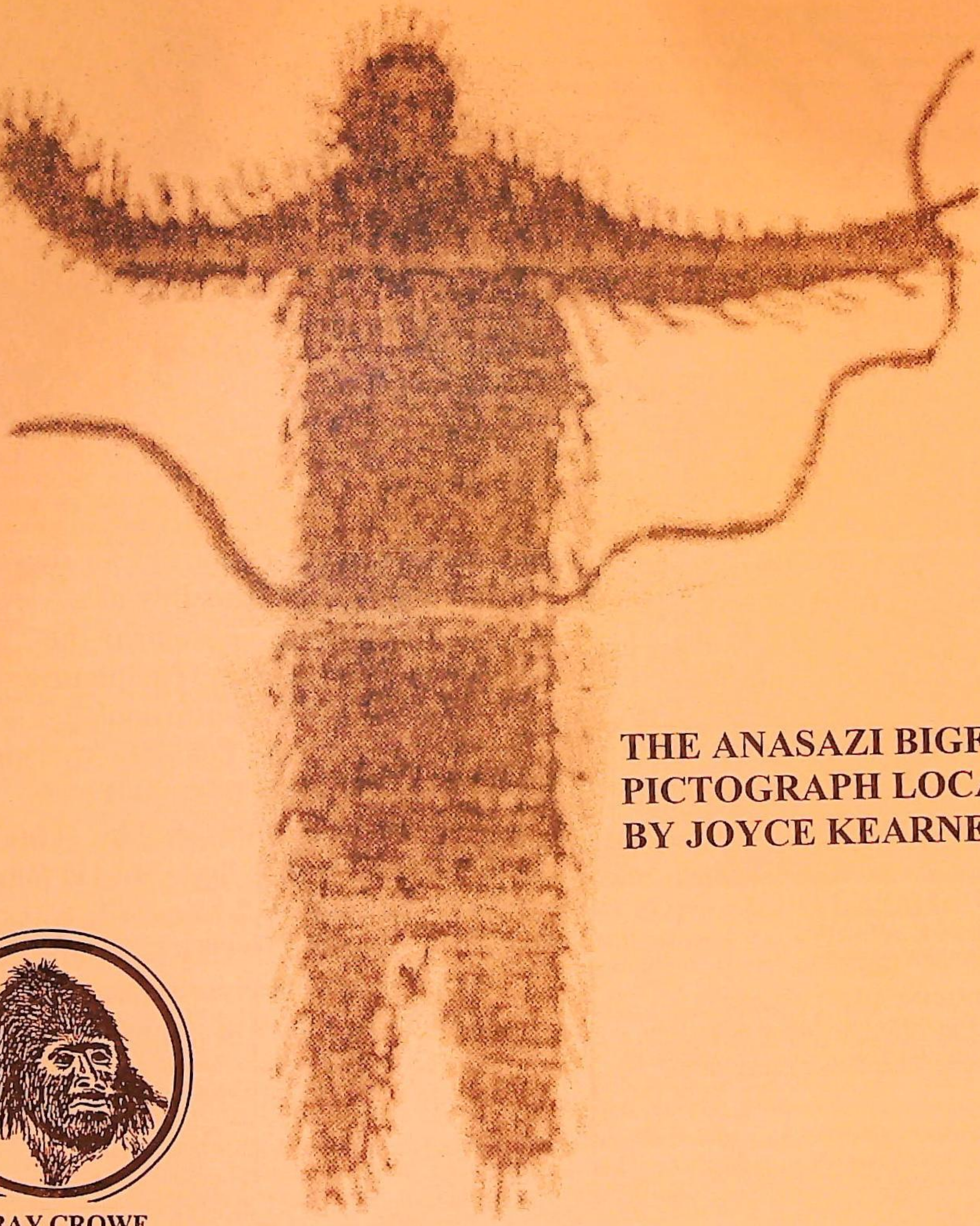

THE ANASAZI BIGFOOT PICTOGRAPH LOCATED BY JOYCE KEARNEY

EDITOR RAY CROWE

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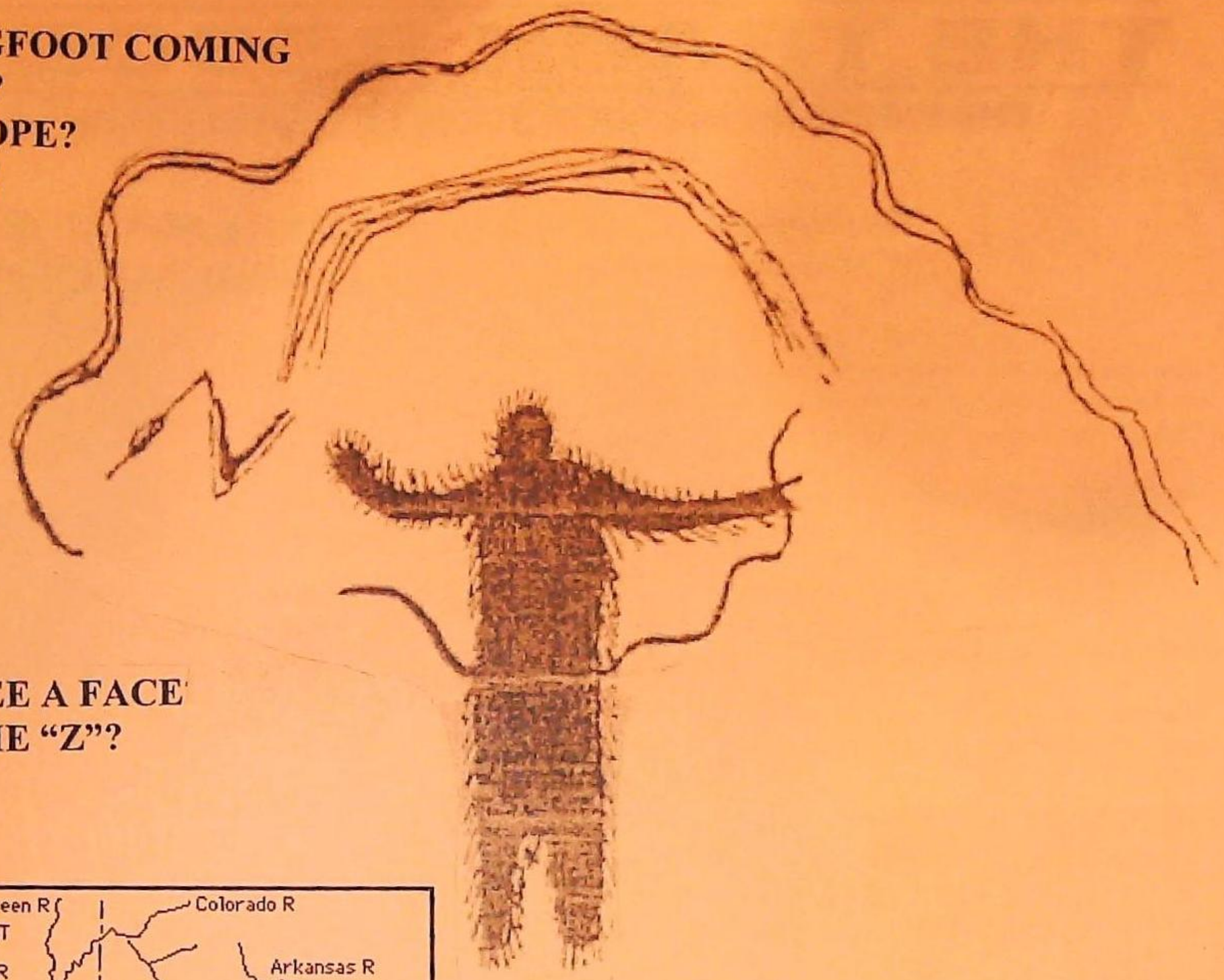

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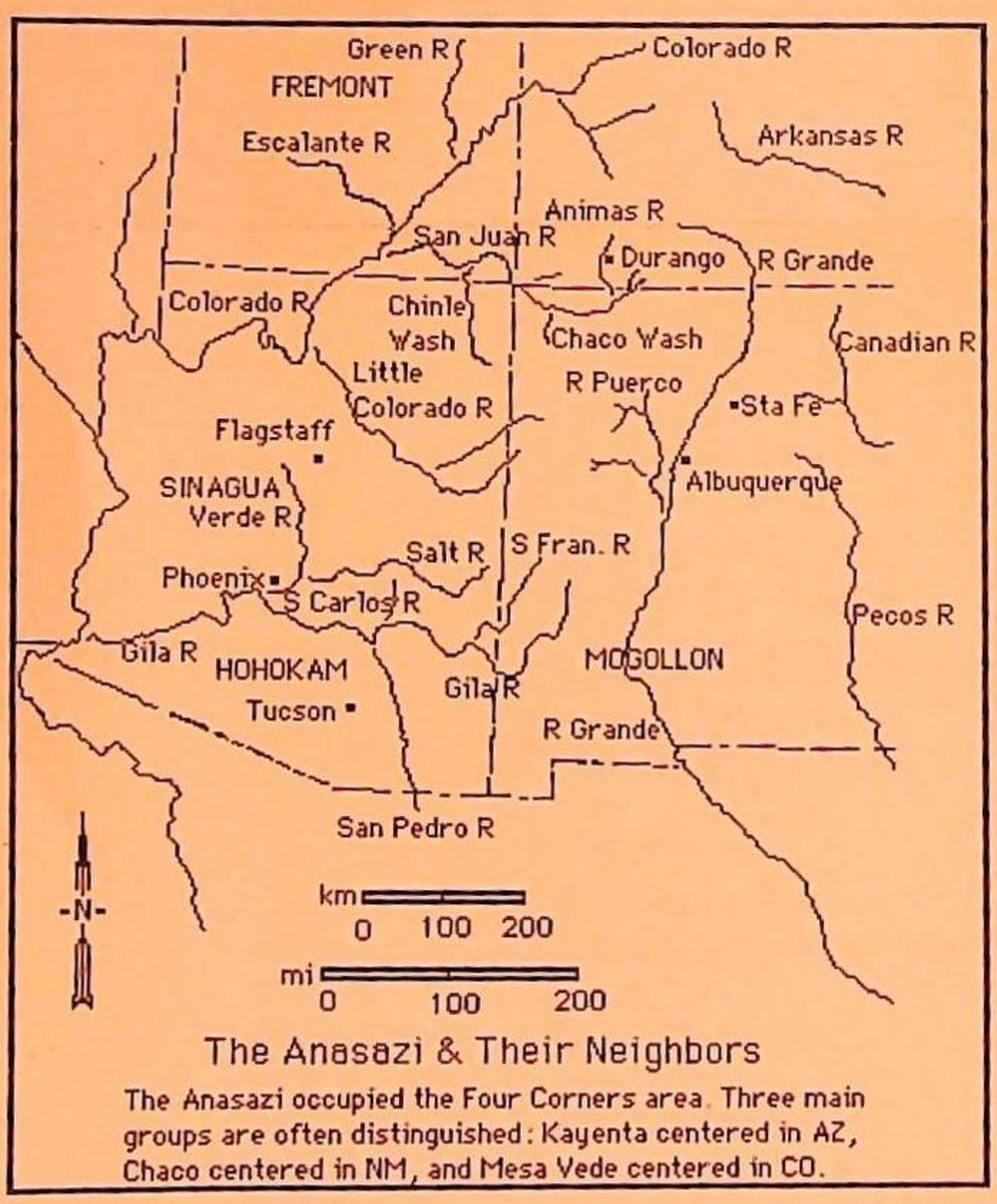

The Anasazi & Their Neighbors

The Anasazi occupied the Four Corners area. Three main groups are often distinguished: Kayenta centered in AZ, Chaco centered in NM, and Mesa Vede centered in CO.

Historian Joyce Kearney located this pictograph, possibly of a Bigfoot leaving a cave near the Pecos River, Texas. The picture Found in Vol 65 Anthropology And Archeology, Peabody Museum Dates from 6000 BC to AD 600, Probably 0 to 1000 AD.This is the Western Archaic Style, and is found In "The Gallery," Nine Mile Canyon, Trib. To Dirty Devil River. (Joyce wonders at that river name source), and she states, "He's coming out of a cave."

As the Anasazi (Hisatsinom) abandoned their cliff dwellings here, they joined other tribes in the area. For example, one group of Anasazi (Hisatsinom) joined the inhabitants of Pecos somewhere around the twelfth century and began to build their multi-story pueblos. Pecos was an important center of trade between the Pueblo and Plains Indians. The Spanish conquistadors first arrived in the 1540s, and in 1598 Spanish missions were established in Pecos to convert the Native Americans to Christianity. The remains of the largest mission church built in 1625 can still be seen under later structures. The Pueblo Indians destroyed the mission in 1680 and drove the Spanish south to El Paso, Texas. The Pecos Anasazi (Hisatsinom) recovered their native traditions and built a kiva in the ruins of the Spanish church. In 1692 the Spanish regained control of Pecos and New Mexico, ending a long era of Anasazi occupation.

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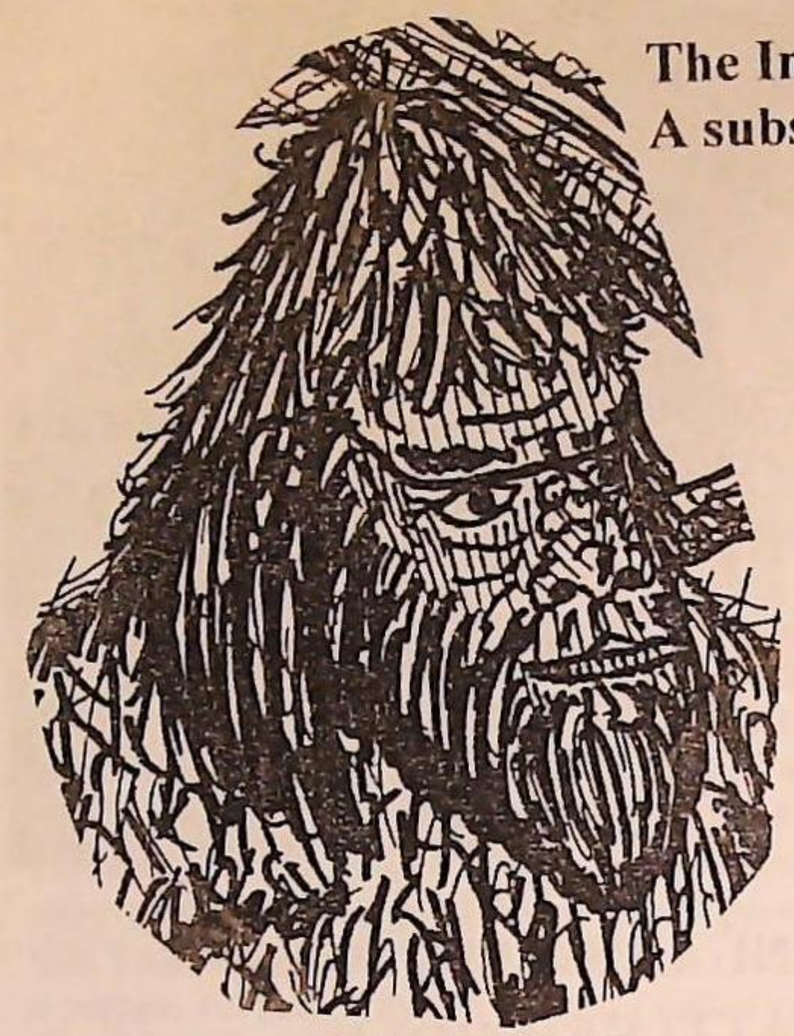

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MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETING DATE IS LAST SATURDAY OF MONTH !!! At Dad's Club, 8608 N. Lombard, Portland. Dinner at 6PM and meet at 7PM (no indoor meeting in July, Aug., Nov. or Dec.) Next regular meeting Mar 27th at Dad's Club. All invited. Free to the public. The meetings are usually video taped, order from Patti at $10.+$2. P&H

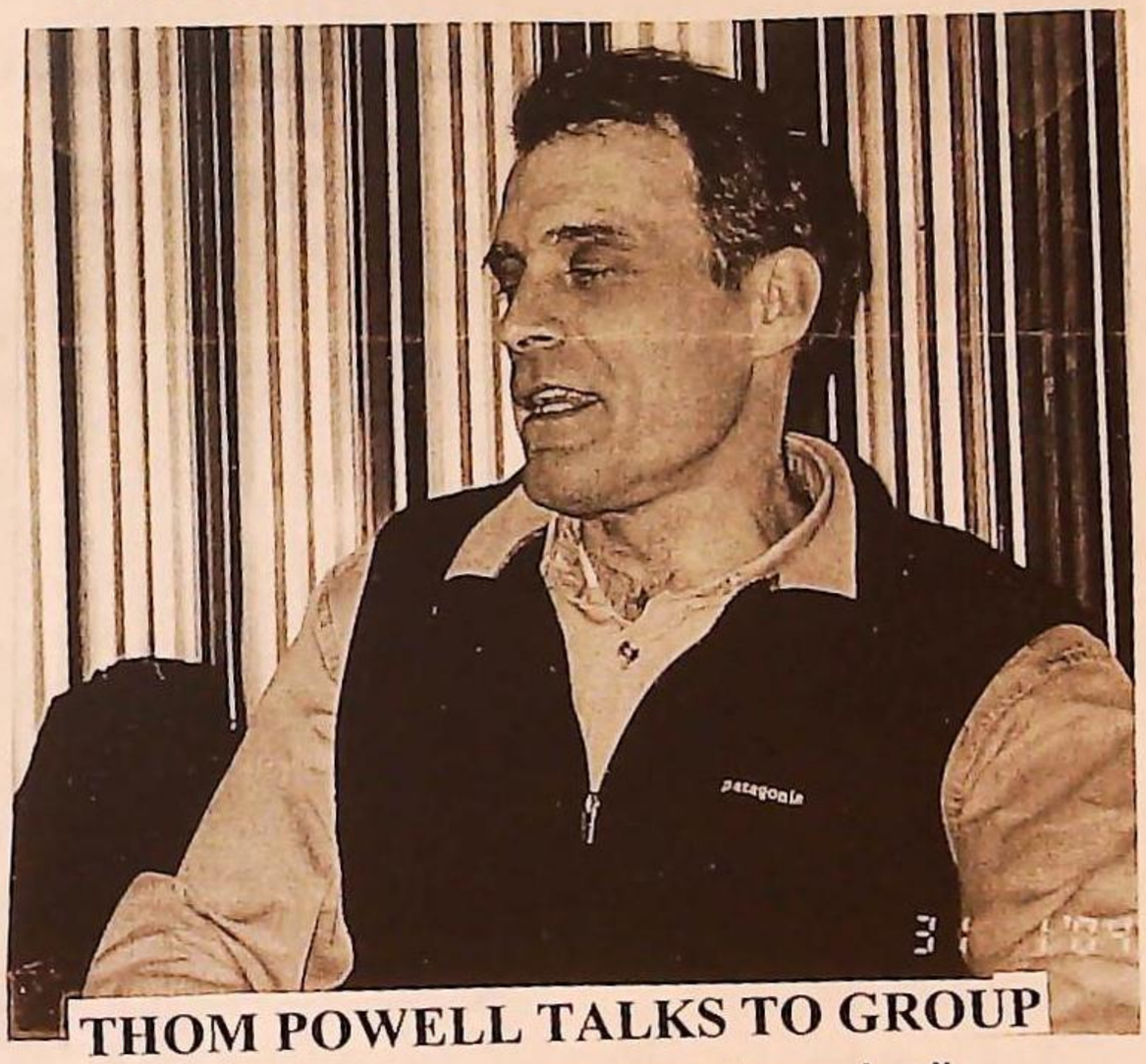
MEETING STUFF

The first meeting of 2004 at Dad's was standing room only. Hosted by VP Patti Reinhold. She introduced our guest speaker, Thom Powell, author of the new book "The Locals."

Thom told about interviews with Native Americans at; Coleville, Warm Springs, Yakima, etc. The response was, "none of your damn paleface business," eventually getting an, "it's just another tribe...they wanna' be left alone."

Thom goes on to discuss what the creature might be... rejecting an ape relationship, he favors the Neandertal, Homo erectus, or Australopithecus origins.

"The best studies of hair that has been collected and analyzed," Thom says, is "that they can't separate them from human hair."

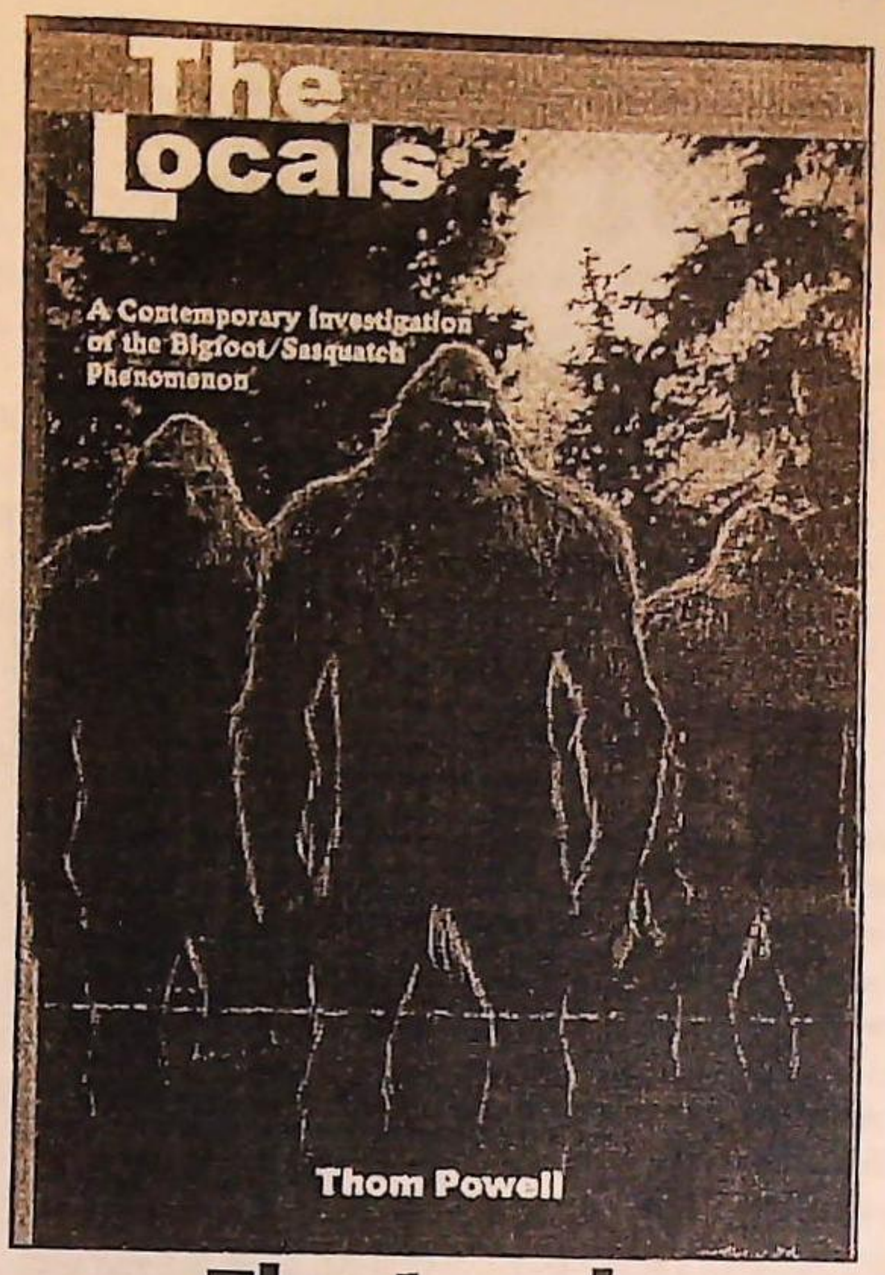


THOM POWELL TALKS TO GROUP

The talk Thom gave was very interesting and well accepted. He did have some books to autograph and sell.

* Larry Lund is constructing a permanent memorial board to put the names of Notable Bigfooters on. The names of each individual, two per year, will be engraved on brass tags, to be affixed to the board, which Larry had on display. He asked for additions, but had no suggestions, so we will go with the following Notable Bigfooters.

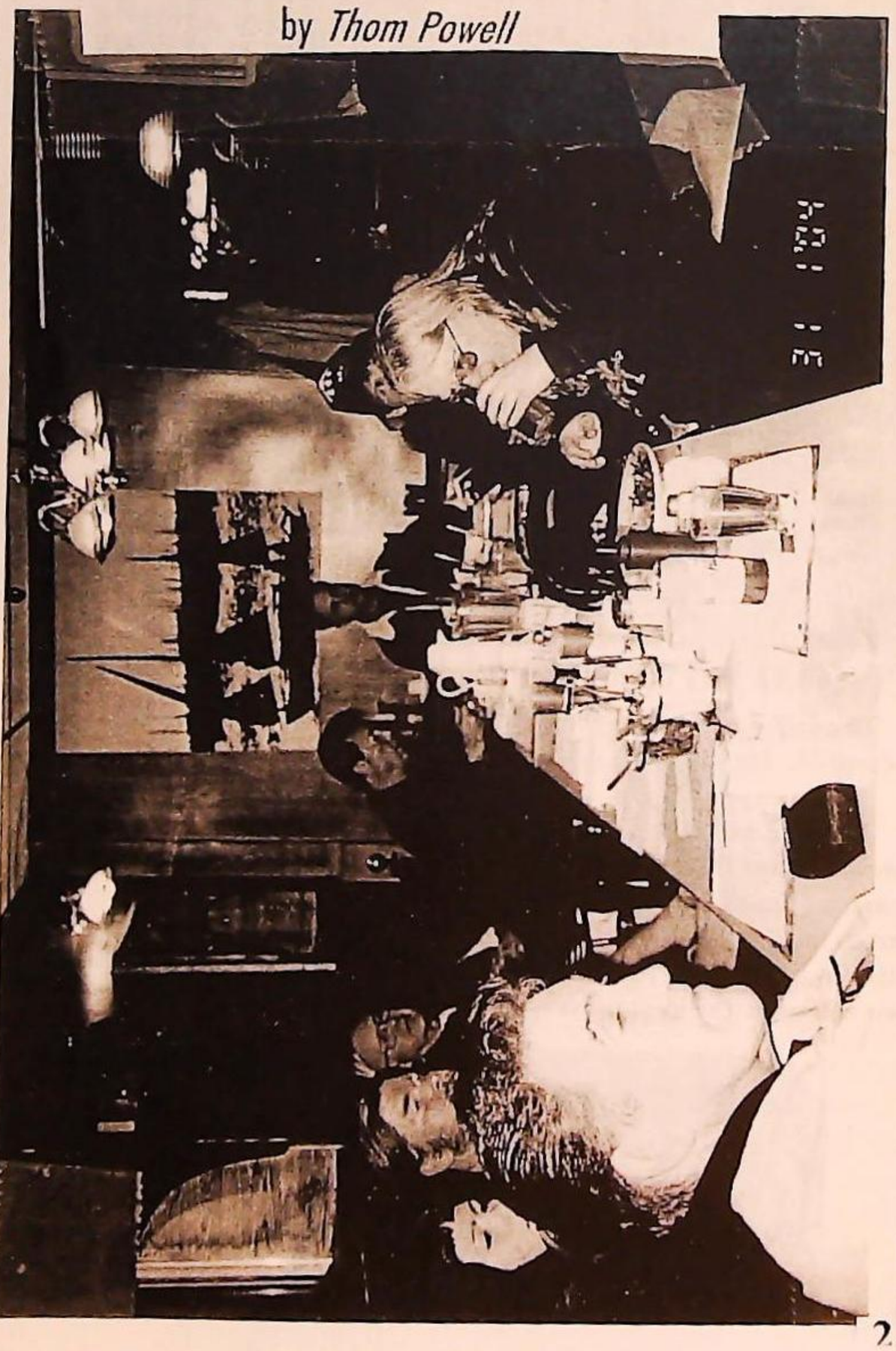
1. SAMPLE BRASS NAME PLATE



The Locals

by *Thom Powell*

GUESTS AT JANUARY MEETING
PHOTOS BY PATTI REINHOLD



1991 Ray Crowe (of course) Larry Lund
1992 Peter Byrne Ivan Sanderson
1993 Tom Slick Bob Titmus
1994 George Haas John Napier
1995 Matt Moneymaker Dr Henner Fahrenbach
1996 Dr Grover Krantz Dr Connie Cameron
1997 Rene Dahinden Thomas Steenburg
1998 Loren Coleman Don Keating
1999 Roger Patterson Daniel Perez
2000 Barbara Wasson Marion T. Place
2001 Thom Powell Dr John Bindernagel
2002 Chris Murphy Dr Robert Pyle
2003 Patti Reinhold Mary Green
and for 2004:
Don Monroe Rob Alley

BIGFOOT REPORTS

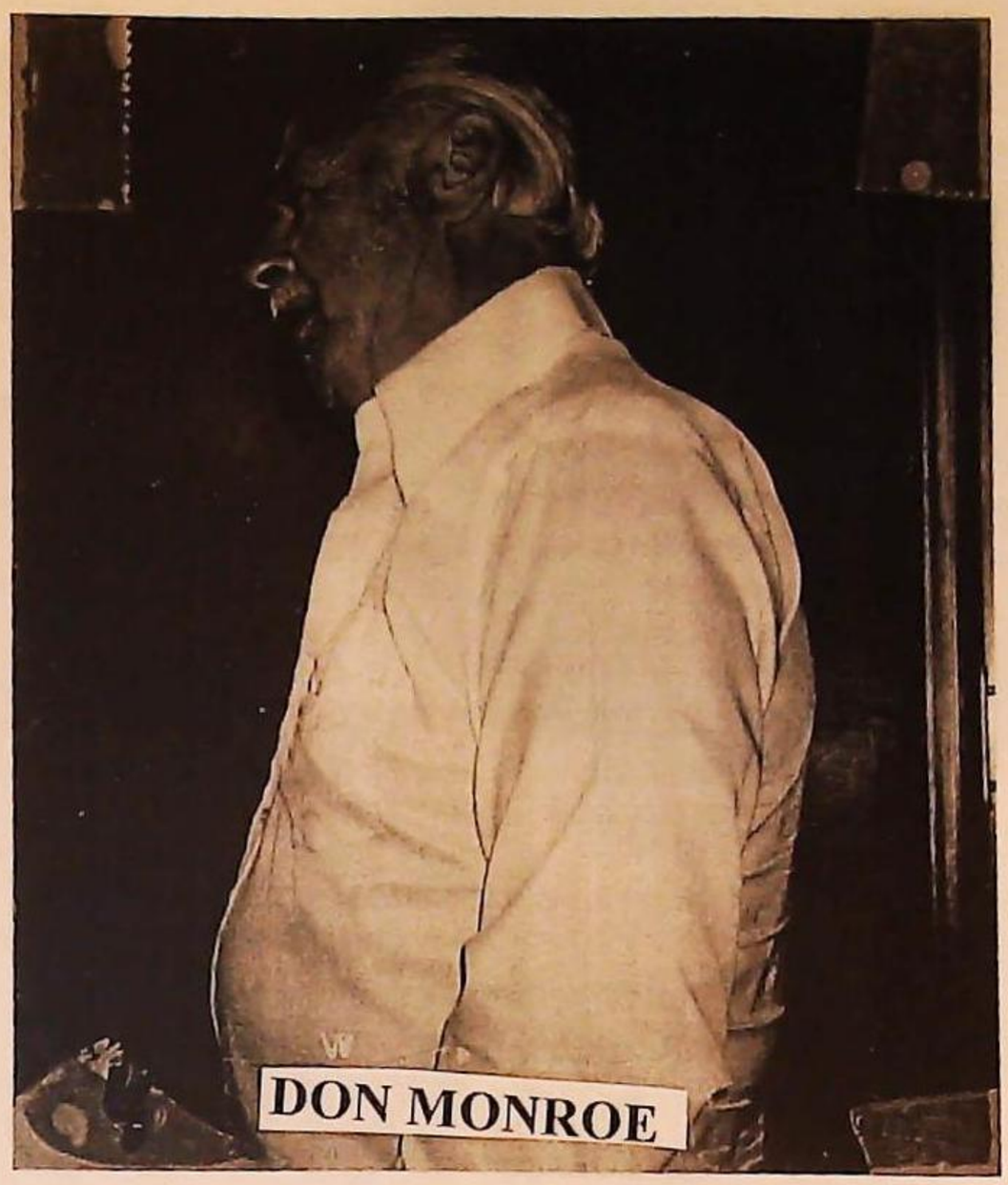
* Sighting reported by Jason Y. from Cypress Mountain Park, Canada, Dec 7, 2003, 11AM. Near the ski hill along the west coast of the rocky/hilly terrain in half thick forested area. Jason was snowboarding with Jon S. and Megan S. at the time. "We were snowboarding on a backcountry run and saw a figure walking up the hill. We first thought it was another skier, but it just seemed so odd, especially the figure of the body. We examined it more closely and saw a large "Chewy" like figure walking up the hill. This was from quite far away, but I am sure it was not a person. It really startled us, and I called my friend Jon. The "thing" must have heard, and disappeared into a ravine. My friend Megan wanted to get back onto the ski hill right away. I wish we would have followed it."

The creature was described as being about 8 feet tall, and dark brown/black hair. The thing ran almost like a gorilla with its head hung down while slouching.

* Lawrence Hughes, King City, CA, report. The latest sighting from my area. This happened early this morning from around 2:05 am, on Thur. Jan 15. A Justin K. at 218th Corral de Tera, a subdivision between Salinas and Monterey. Reported to the sheriffs dept that a large "monkey," was 459'ing (burglary) his car. He also stated that it was wearing a black sweater! Upon arrival (about 15 minutes), a deputy said he had changed his story to a "bear!" He wished no report. I heard all this once again because of my scanner for police work. Black bears have been reported from King City to Salinis for the past ten years. Most black bear reports are on the western side of the Salinas Valley. A friend of mine, once said he saw a bear print of 11 inches in the area of Priest Valley and Hwy 198. Thanks Larry. If anyone has more reports, please feel free to send them to me. Larry Hughes, 256 Rio Vista Dr., King City, CA 93930-3514.

* Don Monroe during his visit to Portland in February, stopped at a McDonalds for lunch. Talking to employee John, the subject of Bigfoot came up, and John related that last July a hairy creature crossed the road at Skyline Road and Germantown Roads, Portland, OR. He didn't have any more details.

* Ryan Layton Bigfoot video: Shot with digital 8, Nov 11, 2000, 7:45AM. At Layton Utah, off US 89, on the Wasatch Front Mountains near Hobbs Canyon. Creature was first spotted with binoculars, then witness grabbed his camera



for approximately four minutes of video footage.

(Ryan Layton) I believe what you are seeing is the real thing. Based on the location, it is a real Sasquatch individual, appearing to possibly have a young juvenile on its back. Video was taken in 4-6 inches of snow. Having reenacted it recently on location it seems like about 80 yards of walking footage taking its time, even stopping and twisting and turning several times. Because of the great distance the film was taken at in the Zoom mode, it is difficult to make out an incredible amount of tell -tale indications on the physical anatomy without high tech scrutiny applied; such as a saggital crest on the cranium {in other words a cone shaped head}, or a positive identification of a juvenile on the creatures back such as arms or legs swinging and so forth.

However the individual does seem to be large and pear shaped {MESOMORPH body type} especially when viewing it disappearing into the oak brush. Also it was extremely dark contrasted to the surroundings, as you can easily observe.

Many researchers and notable big game hunters in the area who have had their own sightings and encounters felt that it was a bona fide Bigfoot, and not a put-on, hoax or setup. They, as well as myself, were satisfied that it was indeed a Sasquatch in their own way of evaluating it.

In 1980 two US West technicians spotted a Bigfoot just off US Hwy 89. as they were working on a Telephone box, as it ambled off in the general direction of the 2000 film, with only a differance of about 300 yards.

Then in 1980 a stones throw away in the small communities of Uintah, South Weber and Riverdale near Ogden, Utah, we had many sightings that made national news at the time, seen by several witnesses, again just truckin' a distance from this 2000 film.

Also a point of interest, two hours after the film was taken, five individuals hiked up to the location and much to their chagrin were not able to see or discover any tracks in the 4-6 inches of snow. They were able to precisely gauge the exact location, no debate about it, that covered the area

THE LAYTON, UTAH, BIGFOOT SINGLE FRAME FROM VIDEO

where the Bigfoot walked, plus all of the surrounding area, and were unable to establish and discoverany tracks {conditions were constant within that two hour period, i.e no additional snow, wind, or melting had occured}.

Which in my line of reasoning and deductible process of elimination kind of approach to it, seems to indeed throw this particular event into a possible paranormal explanation perhaps? Did anyone mention paraphysical or dimensional characteristics of the Sasquatch? Well then give it some open minded thought. I'm not biased or partisan however, but this is what I believe I've come to believe strongly as the years have passed evaluating many cumulative cases with tons of witnesses. Ryan Layton

* Ryan Layton Bigfoot video (video and photo copy sent by Bryan Burrell, Riverton UT)

(Burrell commentary) I do know that a young man videotaped this in early November of year 2000 on the Mountain just east of Layton, Utah.

He was scoping for Deer in the early morning and saw the tall walker. I examined the video in great detail using computer tools to enhance and magnify the image and single step through the video.

There are several Pros and Cons as to whether it is a BF in my opinion: Pros:

(1) uniform dark in color
(2) fairly tall, exact height is unknown
(3) fairly good stride at times
(4) doing fairly non-human things such as up so early in the morning, walking in the snow, etc.
(5) several times the pack seemed to move up on the body and hide the head.
(6) Seemed to be headed off into rough gully which normally a human that time of year wouldn't be doing.

Cons:

(1) I could not detect any arm swinging
(2) It stopped and was kicking at something with its feet. I think this is something that humans do with hard shoes, not when barefooted.
(3) It raised its arm once and looked like it was adjusting pack.
(4) It meandered up the hill slow and fast as if tired and stopping to rest.
(5) It stepped up on a rock and then down. This is not something an experienced hiker or wild animal would normally do. Normally a rock or log is stepped over or around as they are dangerous.
(6) Once it appeared to almost trip and hurried to catch itself so as not to fall forward. More likely a human error than a BF error.

Weird:

The movie maker and dad and friends went up on the hill immediately to look for tracks and couldn't find a single one.

* Welcome to new member Barbara Malloy of Vermont. Her letter states that she is Vermont''s first Lady Dracontologist. This refers to a sighting she and daughters Kelly and Heather had in 1983 of Memphre at Horseneck Island, VT. Memphre is a "horse headed" sea serpent found in Lake Memphremagog. The long history of sightings goes back to 1816.

Barbara has also seen Bigfoot tracks at Clyde Pond, VT, in 1990, and shared one of the photos. Contact her at address on card if you'd like to join her International Dracontology Society.

* Fred Grimmnitz reports 12/10/03. Report last week about a sighting less than one hour from my house, in Montgomery County, MD (the upper part of the county not too far from the watershed that feeds into both the Potomac River and the Patuxent River The lady was jogging with one of her large dogs when she said she felt that someone was watching her. When she got up to a patch of woods she said she saw a creature about six feet

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1990 TRACK AT CLYDE POND
PHOTO BY BARBARA MALLOY, 7/30/90

tall, dark, shaggy. It was gone in a instant. Some contractors are installing a gas line back in those woods and maybe they are stirring things up. Area is pretty well developed with patches of woods and parks scattered about. It is about one hour from Washington D. C.

The interesting thing is that I have photos of large foot prints in the snow taken in 1995 about ten minutes from where she had her sighting. She knows of my interest in Bigfoot so she called me. I went to the area but could not go on property as it is plastered with no trespassing and no hunting signs

Patuxent is being considered to be designated a wilderness area. There are still some beaver dams around there. The area of forest where the footprints were taken in the snow in 1995 has all been pretty much cut down for houses, too bad. With the exception of Western Maryland, which has a lot of forest and mountains and very few people, I'm afraid that the habitat and hiding places for Bigfoot in Maryland are just about gone. Hope to see you in 2004.

* Valentin Sapunov, St Petersburg, Russia. Petersburg engineer Alexandr Bashilov (born 1949) contacted me and told the following. During 1988 - 2003 he rented a summer house near the river Vydlitsa, lake Khangemus, Karelia, 61deg15 min north lat, 32 deg 30 min east long. He personally did not see a BF, although natives had reported them, but he seen many times tracks of adult and a baby. He told about a locals state of horror near the new tracks. Some witnesses reported shock and worsening of their health after meeting with BF. This area is characterized by little density of human population and big forests. There was data on BF here from other informants. I think, that this information is significant.

Last testimony of wildman - tree damage - August 2003, south from Malaya Vyshera. 58 deg 32' N lat, 32 deg10' W long. Valentin Sapunov

* Sighting from Joey Vogt, Salem, OR. From Summer of 1996 and 1997, around 12 midnight. On the east side of Piety Island on Detroit Lake, OR. Both encounters occured within 300 yards of each other.

On the first encounter I was sitting next to a dying fire alone. The second time two friends and a 10 year old were standing next to a fire about 300 yards north along the bank. That was Steve and Mike O., the 10 year old was Annie T. The first time I was laying by a small fire in my camp along side my chocolate lab, Susha, around midnight. I heard a branch snap outside the fire light, just inside a clump of trees. Susha growls, and she sniffs the air with hair on end. I'm thinking deer. All I have is a penlight. I got up onto my knees and moved to the far side of the fire, away from the smoke, and scanned the dark for a sign. My light catches a single eye peering out at me from behind a large fir tree 20 feet away. The beam is only strong enough to illuminate the eye, not the head itself, but I'm telling you this, I could see enough of it to know it was no deer or elk or anything like that. This single eye was maybe six feet off the ground. Anyway, I'm freakin'. Curiosity and insanity overcome me and now I'm up moving towards the tree with penlight held out in front of me. Susha is growling real low and behind me! The eye disappears behind the tree and I stop 10 feet in front of it, shaking. Dog stops too. Then I see the most incredible thing of my freaking life! On the opposite side of the tree, 8 feet up, 2 eyes appear attached to a dark form standing straight up. They blink a couple of times and I'm backing up now, petrified. It exhales and moves quickly to my right. I keep the light on the eyes, like my life depends on it, and yell, "HEY" to the damn thing. This is the weirdest part. As it moves to my right, the eyes in my light are weaving up and down very fast and fluid. from one foot above the ground to 7 or 8 feet. It is surveying me before it turns and disappears into the woods without a sound. I dive into the tent on top of my friend Steve and his girlfriend Nancy. I lay there heart bursting with fear and listen or try to. My tent mates continue to snore, despite my hasty entry, so I do not wake them. The dog never barked. Maybe that's the strangest part!

Pysical Attributes:

Eyes glowed yellowish in my light and it was big! Too dark to see anything else. Never smelled it. My dog did though. It exhaled really loud like a "whhhhooooossssh." Please contact me for info on second encounter if you wish. It basically was an audible encounter, but definitely an incredible one. Go camp on Piety island in July, stay up late. You'll see.

* Mary Green, Nov 13, 03.

The eyewitnesses who were the owners of the cats who have had many killed by the hominoid that is said to be a skunk ape in this community near Lafollette, TN, reported that the Sheriff asked them to remove their animals to safety yesterday.

They complied by removing as many animals as they could to another farm for safety purposes. While the land owner arrived at the farm at 3:00 PM, as soon as he could after work, to load and haul his farm animals to a safe place, he heard sirens, gun shots and the Bigfoot screaming (as he is familiar with their screams). The Sheriff and his deputies were heavily involved with shooting over the hill just off of their property.

This morning, when the woman saw a black animal laying in one of their fields. She called me before she left for work as she was running late. I advised her to get her husband to take a look at this animal. He arrived ten minutes after she left and the animal was totally missing. Gone. Nothing left, not a sign of it. Nothing was found. There have been airplanes circling their property night and day for over two weeks. It has disturbed their sleep as the plane was flying so low to their house.

Facts are known that the BFRO and Loren C. and a self professed cryptozoologist, Chris D. , have been there or are still there in Campbell County. Chris D. had won these two land owners confidence and he was allowed on their property with the biologist from the University of TN who came to get the hair and scat samples in October. When these people told Chris that they did NOT want the Bigfoot killed, Chris has not came back to their home, and has refused to return any calls they have placed to him.

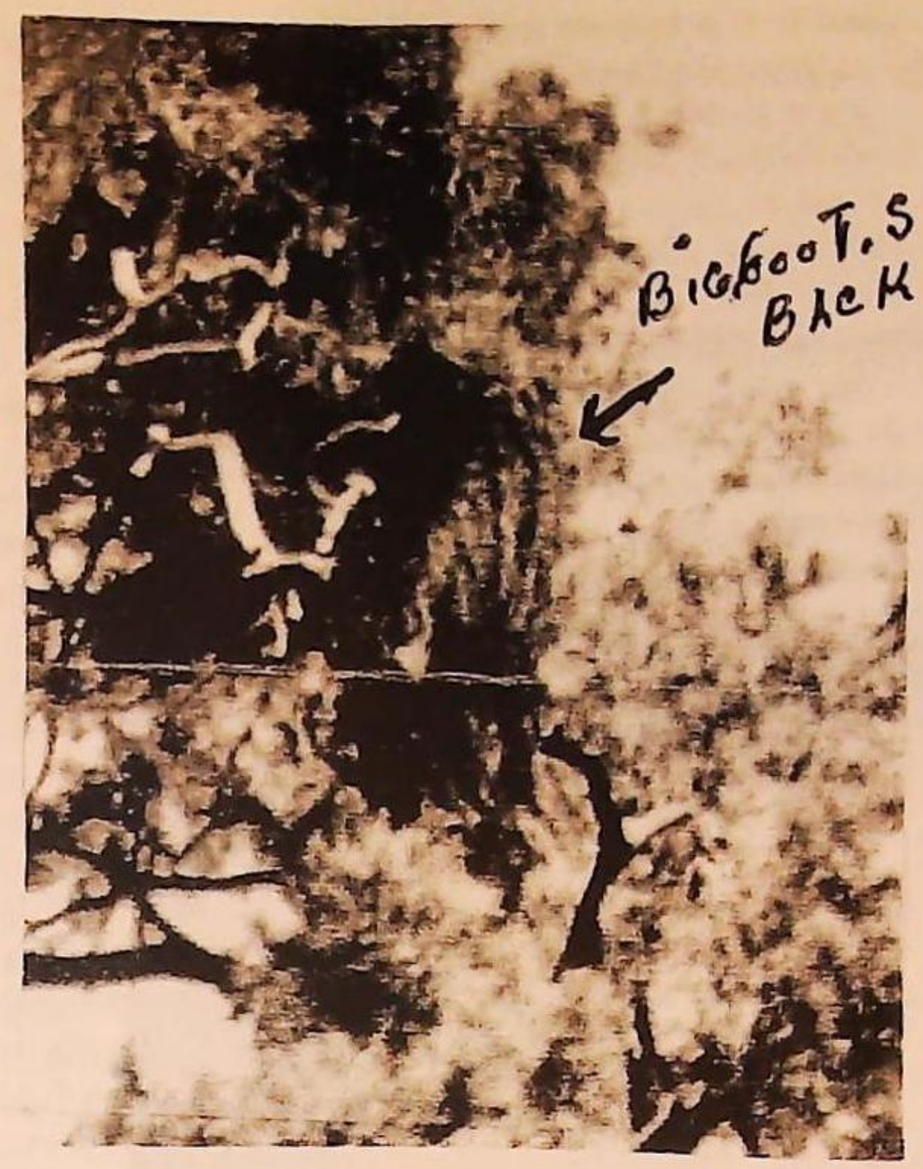
Therefore, it is believed at the present time he is working with Loren C. or/and the BFRO.

Therefore, we are not certain at this point whether this black body was of a Bigfoot that the Sheriff and/or BFRO could have possibly shot and injured the day before, or if it was simply a large dog as the woman was afraid to approach it before going to work. Something or someone has removed this large black body from their premises.

They have tried to provide shelter and food to the Bigfoot as of recent times to appease them and cause the attacks on their farm animals to cease. It is looking more and more like something has caused the Bigfoot that have been seen in this area for years, by the lady eyewitness, to declare revenge on the people of this community. The hominoids there are acting or reacting, as the case may be, in an aggressive nature towards the people who live in this portion of Campbell County.

There are a couple of known events that may have perpetrated such a reaction but nothing that can be definitely proven beyond a shadow of a doubt because of the neighbors fear of presenting what they know to the law. Those who already have reported their sighting experiences, have reeled from a media circus and suffered great ridicule from neighbors who have not seen them to date or experienced retaliation from them. The situation will eventually settle down we hope, but hopefully, no one will come to harm in the process. Mary Green

Addenda: Screams of apelike animals were also heard at the same time. Sounds were coming from the right side of one of the houses that has been involved in the series of sightings, down toward the lake, near LaFollette. On



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Where is Ripley's "Believe it or Not" when we need it? Karl Breheim, who lives near Spokane, Wash., says a timber sale near Galice, Ore., must be stopped because it threatens an endangered species: Bigfoot. Breheim says he was in the sale area seven years ago and found a huge footprint, 50 small trees broken off some 8 to 9 feet above the ground, and an apparent bite mark on a toolbox he'd left on the ground. Now, he wants the information tested for possible DNA evidence of the legendary ape-man. "You talk about Bigfoot, people think you're crazy," he told the *Daily Courier*. But Breheim said his aim is to save the old-growth forest where Bigfoot makes his home.

CR: GEORGE EARLEY

Monday 11/10/03, Abby (a female goat) was found dead in the pond around 11:00 AM. Her neck had been broken and her stomach had been eaten out. A member of the Sheriff's department said that they were working with a group to eliminate these animals. Also, on 11/13/03, two of these cryptid animals were seen in a field. One was large, the other smaller. This was about 9:15 AM. The eyewitnesses who were the owners of the cats who have had many killed by the hominoid that is said to be a Skunk Ape in this community near Lafollette, TN, reported that the Sheriff asked them to remove their animals to safety yesterday.

* Loren Coleman clip http://www.lorencoleman.com
Killer Primate Terrorizes Pets

Some people in Campbell County said a monkey or chimpanzee is roaming the area, terrorizing neighborhood pets and striking fear in the hearts of residents. WVLT VOLUNTEER TV News' Chloe Morroni filed this report. "Teeth as big as a silverback." "Bottom teeth about two and a half inches long." "Long arms, but they flop." "Got a lot of hair." "Grey-looking front, and the rest of his body looks dark brown.""If he stands up, he's about three foot."

Witnesses have plenty of descriptions of the creature, but they aren't quite sure if it's a monkey or a chimpanzee. Whatever it is, people said it is terrorizing small animals. One resident told WVLT VOLUNTEER TV News that the primate has killed cats and dogs. "If they say monkeys aren't meat eaters, they're lying," said Donna Keathley, who said she had a close encounter with the creature. She called 911 after coming face to face with it. "It came through the air at me, and when it did, I just rushed down and picked [my kitten] up," she said. "I smelled that smell and saw that monkey. I went across the yard into my house and called 911 and told them it was here. [My kitten] has some dry blood still left on it. It's still shaking.

"Brenda Overby is afraid that her cat might be next. She's concerned for her family, too. "We don't let our children out to play anymore," she said. "We've had reports that it came from a local carnival that they set up at Woodson's Mall," said 911 dispatcher Kamille Barnes. "It was one pet that apparently escaped, and they didn't report it until they started seeing it in the area. "But wherever the elusive, pet-killing primate came from, many residents hope it's captured soon.

LaFollette Police Chief Ben Baird said that if you see the creature, do not approach it. "They should call animal control, because it's always dangerous to approach any wild animal," he said. 10/17/2003 19:15

* Bigfoot sighting in June, 1996, Bear Butte State Park, Cheyenne Side, near Sturgis SD. Native American Sioux woman at cook stove in camp glanced at ridge 100 yards away, and saw a Bigfoot. It was traveling fast, and about 7 foot tall. Many others have reported seeing the creature.

* Bob S. report from witness: As for my encounter, it was in the spring of 1969 on May 21st over 30 years ago. I was 18 at the time and was supposed to meet my mom and step dad at our favorite camp site on the Colville Indian reservation, near Omak, Wash. I had decided to ride my motorbike there, so I took my sleeping bag, some hot dogs to snack on and left in the afternoon to make the 35 mile drive to Gold Lake Campground. About half way there it started to rain very hard and I had driven right past the turn off to the lake and had to turn around and go back. By then it was about 7:30 pm; and when I got there no one was there, the camp ground was empty, I didn't worry because they had to drive all the way from Portland, OR. I tried to drain some gas out of my motor cycle, to build a fire, but it was raining too hard, I got under a heavy picnic table and into my wet sleeping bag and ate a hot dog and put the rest on top of the table. I tried to get some sleep but that was impossible, I was cold wet and miserable and wondering where my parents were. The rain had let up considerably to just a drizzle and the moon came out so there was a little light, and I could see a short distance. The forest was so quiet, and then I heard soft footsteps in the mud puddles and I looked out from under the table and saw four hairy legs walking slowly toward me! I thought "OH crap!" It's a bear and he is after those darn hot dogs I put on the table earlier. My view from under the table in the wet sleeping bag was about waist high. The legs stopped coming for a second and then the front legs started coming my way and the back legs stayed there, I realized this is no bear! And there were two of them walking toward me, and it started to run and put his foot right next to my face on the picnic table seat. It was one of those heavy forest service tables about 400lbs and it tipped right over, and when the beast stepped on the other side seat it tipped over that way, and then they both ran away very fast. It scared the ... right out of me.

I had heard of big foot before and never gave it much thought, only as a Indian legend and not real. The morning came and still no one there, so I tried to start my bike, but it was out of gas. So here I am on a rainy day in the middle of nowhere by myself. I started walking and in about and hour a logging truck came by but did not stop. And as I walked I was still scared what ever was out there might still be close watching me. As luck would have it I heard bells ringing and coming closer, and I sat and waited , and it was some Indians herding sheep and they had an old pickup truck with a walkie talkie. I told the driver what had happened to me and he asked me not to tell the sheep herders as the last ones that had worked for him the previous week had quit because they had seen the BF several times in the area. He called someone with a telephone, and they in turn called my dad in Omak,

The sheep herder dropped me of at a cross road and I waited about two hours for my Dad to arrive, I told him what had happened and he told me he believed me but not to tell the story around because people might think I'm nuts. Wayne

* Anonymous Sighting. Out on Soda Springs Road, up above where the watershed is. That road takes you up behind Gales Peak, and eastern portions of Saddle Mt. (the Saddle Mt by Browns Camp, Oregon). In the early 80's me and some friends used go park out by the water treatment shed late at night. We had several sightings of a very large creature in that area. Of course with the logging going on up there now, who is to say. Where Soda Springs Road is gated off, if you were to go on thru you could go to Scoggins Valley and Patton Valley and also hook up with the old Wilson River Highway. The sections that are now not used anymore. If you know of the different back roads you can get thru to the coast and the North Fork Trask Road down in Yamhill county/Tillmook county.

Soda Springs Road is located in Gales Creek just past the school. The water shed treatment building (shack) and road leading into the watershed are just past the second bridge, the first bridge will be the one you cross at the start of Soda Springs road. Across the road from the water building, there used be an old road going back up to some meadows. It was more a trail at the time. and we found Bigfoot tracks and had a possible sighting back up there. But that area has been clear cut now, so not much is left

There have been sighting all thru these areas for years. if you can get permission from Longview and Stimpson Lumber Companies, there are back roads that have been closed since the mid 90's that can take you from Larch Mt Park/Elk Creek Campground/Gales Creek Forest Park Campground all the way thru to Timber and HWY 26, Vernonia. and south well into Yamhill . I am sure you already know of this. I now wish I would have been actively looking for the big guy on our 4x4 trips and remote back country camping trips we used take in the 80's and 90's.

Recalled a story I was told when I was teenager. Was about a neighbor who had been out hunting in the Gales Creek area. He got his buck but it was getting dark and was raining and since he had gone over the mountain to hunt he figured he would stash the deer in a hollowed out tree stump and go home to get a flashlight. Also he could drop his rifle off. Figured it would make the packing out easier. Well he went home got some supper, rain gear, and flashlight, and went back. Now it gets interesting. He stated that when he got to the stump there was pair of feet inside. He figured a bear was in the stump stealing his deer, so he went running and got another neighbor (this guy had some bear hounds and oddly enough is logger/tree farmer) got some rifles and them hounds and took off after the bear. Said they chased it up over the mountain. Then the so called bear ripped the deer in half and left half. and kept going. They decided 1/2 a deer was better than no deer and came home. Now normally in that area if a bear came over and down where we all lived, these old men would hunt it down. because of us kids, but they never went back after that bear. I think I know why. I don't think it was a bear. I think it was our old friend. And that also might explain why that report hds dogs barking. Those bear hounds bark at anything that moves. Then again the Big guy is known to imitate other creatures. TJ

* Relay report from Ben Blake danegeld2@aol.com

Back in 1957, in the big Cypress Swamp in Florida, a cousin, a friend and myself, were camping on a patch of dry high ground, with jungle hammocks tied in place, at two a.m. we were cooking a late meal of sausage on an open fire. Needless to say the breeze took the "smell" out thru the trees, and it wasn't long when we heard "foot falls" in the darkness coming toward our camp. There was about eight inches of ground water everywhere except where we were camped. The first thing that came to mind was: "What fool would be walking thru snake infested water, in the dark?" The second thing that came to mind, was one of our drunk Seminole Indians who was known to be living in the area. We weren't too concerned about it, as we knew we could run him off after an offer of food, as we didn't have any whiskey with us. When the "person" walked up to less than twenty feet of our fire, it was no Indian! It was about seven foot tall, hairy, red eyes reflected from the fire, body was built somewhat like a large stocky man, arms seem to be a bit longer like an ape, but it wasn't so much ape-like. We froze in our tracks! The only weapons we had was three .22 caliber revolvers (from shooting at rabbits earlier that evening from the car's fender) and the only thing that came to mind was, we needed heavier fire power. I'm not one to panic, but I was to say the least "very concerned," while my cousin was in a frozen state of fear, and our friend was just short of soiling his pants! While we were just standing there with our mouths wide open, the THING was standing there too... I told my two companions, in a low voice, to move slowly around to the front of the fire and kneel down, so we could see a lot better the THING that was staring back at us. We did, and no reaction from the hairy THING seemed to be studying us with his red eyed stare. Now we we're about seventeen feet from it, and a better view of what was not an Indian or a bear or an ape! Since I was the only one who could still speak... I said to aim for the knee's if the THING started to move toward us. At least we could drop it in it's tracks because our .22's weren't going to stop it from any chest shots, and we didn't really want to kill it unless we had to... and that would call for a few lucky head shots. But I think that if that THING did "charge us" we'd probably go wild with a volley of gunfire that would miss in all directions. What seemed to be "forever" just staring back and forth... in reality of about two minutes or more... the hairy THING seem to sense the danger that might happen, and he slowly turned. Arms swung somewhat (like an ape) and he slowly walked off camp, into the darkness, footfalls heard back into the water, and we could hear for the longest time in the distance until it was quiet again. My cousin recovered his composure, but our friend was coming unglued with fright. We ate our meal, and discussed one of us staying guard for the rest of the night. And tried to determine just what the hell that THING was, as we were born and raised in Miami, and have hunted and roamed the Everglades all our lives, and never ever heard talk or rumors of anything of the likes that just waltzed into our camp. The only thing we all agreed upon was: the smell of the sausage would bring anything into camp.

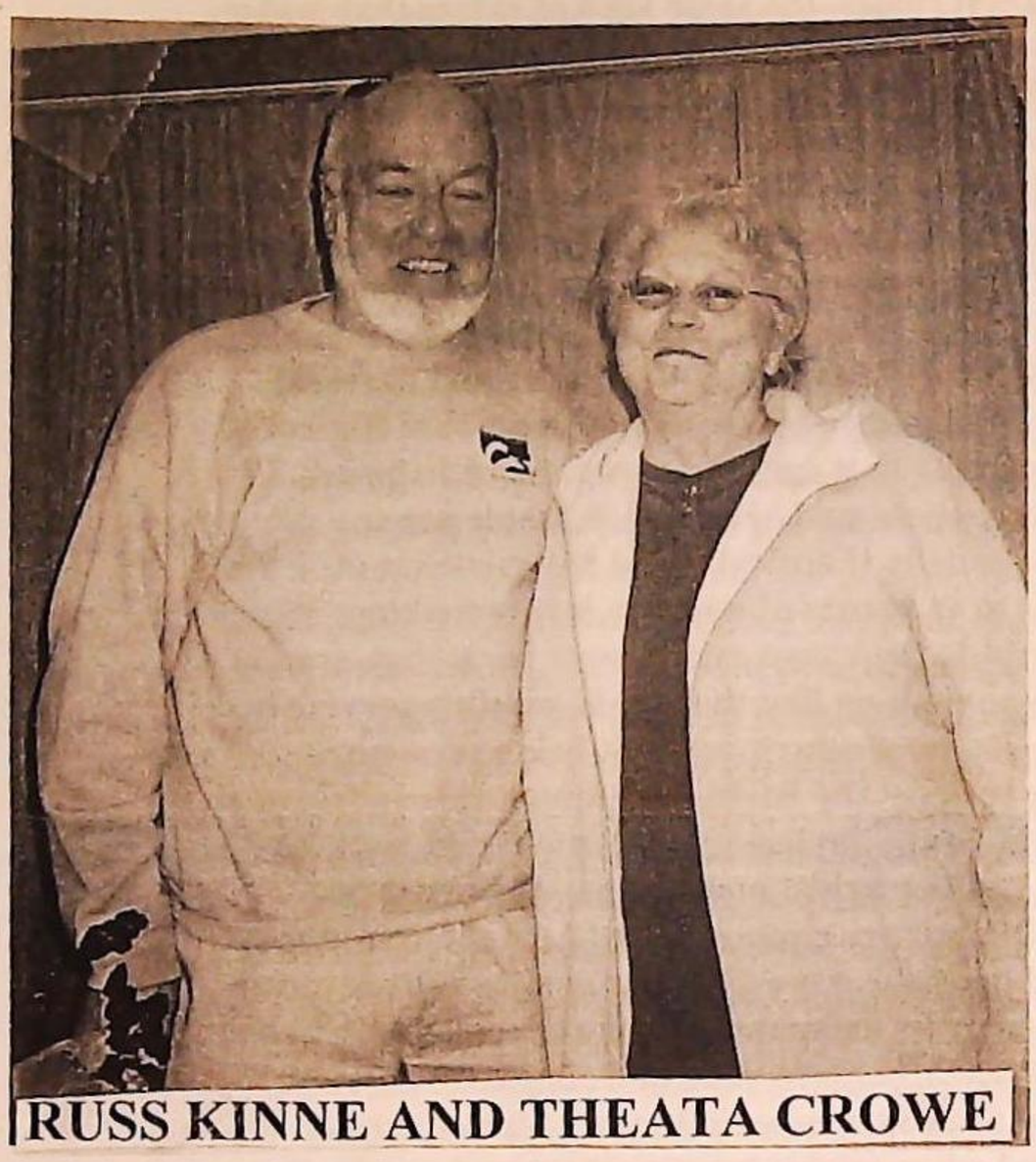
In the BIGFOOT CASEBOOK, copyright 1982 Janet & Colin Bord... I'm listed as the above event... although misquoted as only two campers.This area of Florida was about forty miles west of Miami, highway 41 to Naples. This was the beginning of many later expeditions I got involved in, over a period of many years, into hot water also when I took on the Fouke Monster... but that's another story for later. I can say tho... Florida is still a HOT SPOT if you want to get into the bush and flush one out. I knew a couple who used to observe a "family of the Skunk Apes, or Fla. Yeti" every migration time... but that's also another time.... meanwhile if you have any questions, like if I believe in "them thar' things" I can say I've faced off with more than a few in my travels in the bushes! Sincerely, W.D. Nevada, Residing in Nevada.

MISCELANEOUS

* Randy Plank was discussing the appearance of packs of coyotes in the forest near Timber, OR, and recalled: Lupez, a neighbor that lived there for a long time, a bit on the wild side, drugs and such, had a bear rug over a lawn mower in his garage. He was said to have worn the fake gorilla costume in 1987 to fool people.

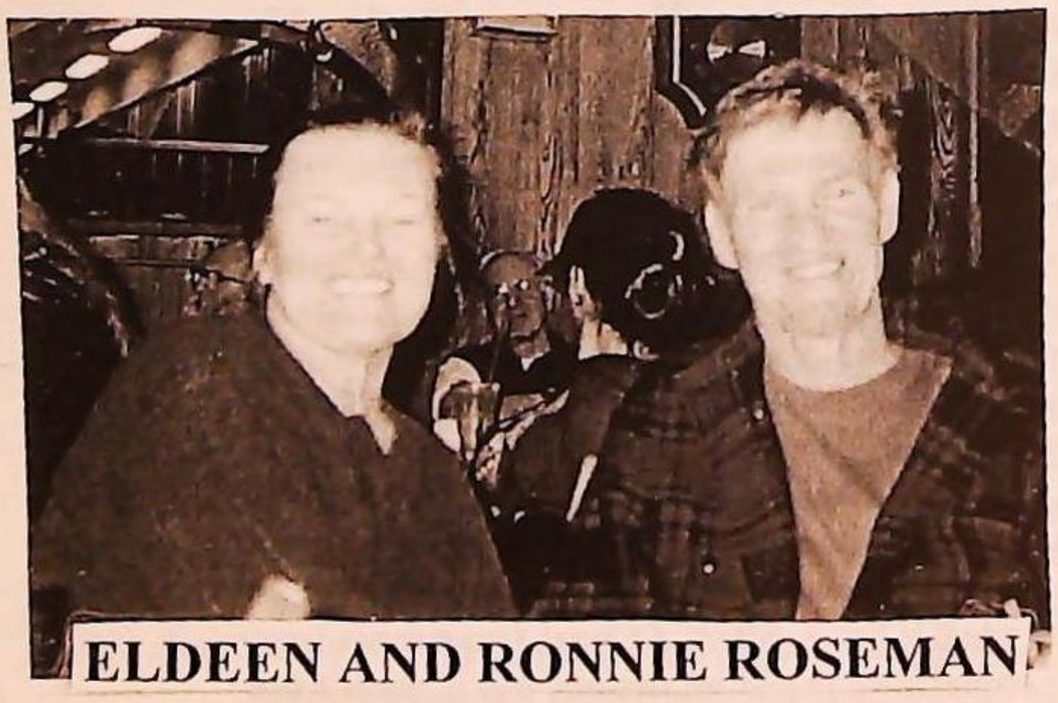
* Magician Loren DeShazer has sent a flyer that he has married Patricia "Trish" Haakenson, on Dec 16th. Congratulations Loren and Pat., 52110 SE 5th St, Scappoose, OR 97056, 971-506-8327.

* Russ Kinne, of CT, was a visitor at the VA hospital. He was in Portland 1/20 to accept a Lifetime Achievement Award for photography. He commented that as an advertising stunt, a case of Canadian Club whiskey was buried near Spirit Lake, WA, in 1977...which was located by clues. Another case was buried in Death Valley, CA, and was located with a metal detector indicating the metal case hinges. Russ sails boats from CT to FL for clients. See at BOATRELOCATE.COM.



RUSS KINNE AND THEATA CROWE

* Another couple, Ronnie and Eldeen Roseman, of Vacouver, WA, have visited several times at the hospital. They are instrumental in the production of the film "Shawaanoki," about the Florida Skunk Ape. Both are very interested in all aspects of Bigfootology, and are fun to be with due to the multitude of questions they both ask.



ELDEEN AND RONNIE ROSEMAN

* Bill Brann writes that the town of Whitehall, NY, has passed an ordinance protecting Bigfoot. To date, the law doesn't have any "teeth" in it though

Whitehall's Bigfoot sightings make it to TV

BILL BRANN

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WHITEHALL ◆ The creature who caught local police by surprise in 1976 will make his national television debut next week.

A half-hour segment on Bigfoot sightings in the Whitehall area will air on the Outdoor Life Network starting Oct. 18.

The story will be part of a 13-part series called "Mysterious Encounters," which has explored various local legends around the country. The series attempts to take historical accounts and fresh scientific evidence to draw conclusions about the stories.

This summer, a film crew came to Whitehall for a week of filming trying to recreate the Bigfoot sightings from 30 years ago and collect fresh evidence. The crew set up motion-sensitive cameras at various locations in the remote woods of Whitehall to record any activity.

Crew members spent several nights around county Route 18, staking out spots and setting up 15 traps in the woods. While crew members said they didn't uncover any fresh evidence of Bigfoot, they said eyewitness accounts still make this a compelling case.

"There is positive and negative evidence that leaves you scratching your head," said Autumn Williams, the host of "Mysterious Encounters."

While filming in the area, the crew re-created the 1976 sighting of a Bigfoot-like creature spotted by Whitehall police Officer Brian Gosselin. One night, two boys had reported seeing a creature on Abair Road, and the following evening, Gosselin had a sighting of his own.

Gosselin described a creature as more than 7 feet tall and 400 pounds with glowing red eyes. The officer said he was confident the creature was no hoax.

Gosselin, who helped the crew with the re-creation, comes

Bigfoot sighting to be featured on national TV

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across as a very credible witness and is one of the reasons the Whitehall story is so compelling, Williams said.

"As far as witnesses go, the police department (witnesses) were some of the most compelling and credible witnesses I've ever interviewed," Williams said.

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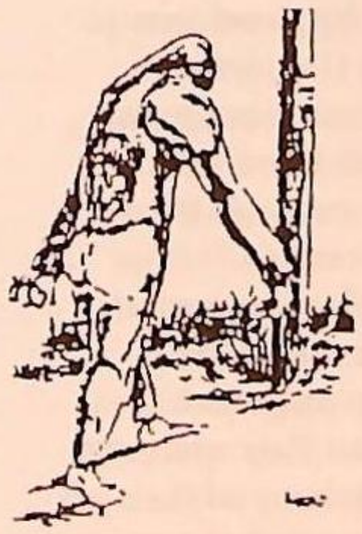

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* Snowflake, November 19, 2003
Barcelona - Copito de Nieve, or Snowflake, Barcelona zoo's albino gorilla and one of its star attractions, is likely to die within days following a two-year battle against skin cancer, according to zoo head Jordi Portabella. "He's on his last legs and could die within days," Portabella said onTuesday. "We're not thinking of prolonging his life. Our priority is the quality of what little life remains so we can guarantee him a dignified death and burial," added Portabella, who explained the cancer "is advancing inexorably."Animal lovers have been flocking to pay a final visit to Copito, who was found in a forest in Equatorial Guinea on Oct 1, 1966.

*Nancy Freeman writes that she would like to sell the film rights to the "Freeman Video," of Bigfoot taken by late husband Paul in the Walla Walla area. If you know of some agency, or are interested in the film rights yourself, please contact Nancy at 3908 N. Hawthorne, Spokane, WA 99205; 509-327-7198. Nancy says she is willing to negotiate the price.

BIGFOOT IN THE NEWS

* Tales of Bigfoot legend include sightings in Georgia - even Clarke County, By Wayne Ford, wayne.ford@online athens.com, Published in the Athens Banner-Herald on Saturday, December 13, 2003. www.onlineathens.com/ stories/121303/fea_20031213045.shtml

Jack Hovatter was hunting in the forests on the Fort Gordon Army base near Augusta in the fall of 1979 when he saw a huge footprint that would lead to the biggest shock of his life. "I thought it was two bear tracks, and I didn't know there were bears around here. My son was off to the side and he said, 'No Dad, that's one track.'"

Hovatter, who is retired from the military and lives in Augusta, said he kept thinking about the track, so he returned to the area more than a week later to see if he could find what made it. The track was near a thicket that at first Hovatter thought was nearly impenetrable until he located a path leading inside. "I got inside and here that thing came. It's not like it was trying to catch me. It was trying to scare me," he said. What Hovatter saw was a bipedal apelike creature covered in thick hair. It was about 10-feet tall or slightly taller. It came within 15 feet of him. "I wanted to turn and run, but I've always heard that with a wild animal that's a bad thing to do. I had a shotgun, but it was too big and too close," he said. "It seems like a 16-gauge shotgun is a powerful weapon until I saw something that big, that close up. It felt like I had a .22."

Hovatter, who backed out of the thicket, said he couldn't believe the animal's size and the width of its shoulders.

"I'd seen the film Roger Patterson made (in northern California of a supposed Bigfoot), but I wasn't expecting anything that big," he said. "It didn't look like it was trying to look vicious. It was an ugly face anyway. It looked stern, like it meant business," he recalled.

"The face was not exactly like a gorilla, but somewhat similar. I hear people say they think these things are human. Well that means they haven't seen one. Just because they walk on two legs doesn't mean they are near-human. If they see one they will change their mind."

Do the creatures called Bigfoot exist? No one has proven one way or the other, but reported sightings of the creatures are not confined to the Pacific Northwest. In fact, sightings have been reported in all states of the South.

John Butler, an Atlanta-area special education teacher who is working on his doctorate in education, took an interest in the mystery several years ago. Although he has never seen one, he believes the animals exist based on his research. Many people still have the misconception, he said, that Bigfoot "is one solitary joker walking around from coast to coast. They don't realize there are many of them." Butler said people have reported sightings from the North Georgia mountains to the South Georgia swamps. There are still many remote areas "relatively untouched by humans," he said. Steve Hyde, who works for a rock company in the Griffin area, searches for the animals in central and South Georgia. His friend, former deputy sheriff James Akin, made a plaster cast of a print that contained dermal ridges, the same kind of ridges that make up fingerprints. The print, which was 17.5 inches long, was found along Elkins Creek in Pike County following reports of barn damage and animals disappearing on a man's farm, according to Hyde. The only other supposed Bigfoot prints with dermal ridges were cast in the Pacific Northwest. The ridges are different from humans and known apes. "The Elkins Creek cast enabled scientists like Dr. Jeff Meldrum at Idaho State University and dermal expert Jimmy Chilcutt to better demonstrate that Bigfoot is not only a real animal, it can be demonstrated to be a unique species," Hyde said. Hyde said people are surprised and usually skeptical about the existence of Bigfoot in this area because "not only is it something completely outside their own experiences here, they usually don't see how something like that could possibly survive in Georgia's woods, particularly without being seen more often." Hyde believes the Bigfoot occupy the same biological niche in the environment that bear do, with similar diets, feeding habits and ranges - the primary difference is Bigfoot are nocturnal and bears scavenge for food mostly during the day. Case in point, the Department of Natural Resources estimates there are hundreds, if not thousands, of black bears in central Georgia. "This surprises a lot of people, especially since black bear are difficult to find when you're hunting them and rarely, if ever, seen at random," Hyde said. At least two organizations listed on the Internet collect Bigfoot sighting reports and both have ample reports from Georgia. Both groups have said they try to weed out unreliable reports before posting them on the Web site. The Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization lists 20 such reports from Georgia. Adjacent counties show 53 reports in Florida, 20 in South Carolina and 29 in Tennessee. In comparison, Washington state has 285 reports. The Gulf Coast Bigfoot Research Organization shows 17 counties in Georgia with Bigfoot reports.

At least one sighting of a creature near Athens is claimed by a man, who has been in law enforcement for 33 years. Now involved in jail administration, the officer, who declined to have his name used, was a young deputy for the Clarke County Sheriff's Office in 1971 when he and a partner were called to a report of a suspicious prowler outside a trucking business north of Athens. Back then, it was a rural area. "When we got out of the car, there was this god-awful smell," he recalled. At least two people were there burning something in old oil drums, but it wasn't the smoke they smelled. "We were talking and somebody said, 'That looks like something over there.' I mean the hair on the back of my neck stood up," he said. "It looked 7 or 8

feet tall and it walked like a human being." He remembers they called the animal a Yeti, a term used mostly for a similar creature alleged to live in the Himalayan mountain range. When he returned to the police station, he was laughed at by other officers. So he has preferred to keep his sighting anonymous. But Hovatter isn't sensitive about the fact he claims to have encountered an unidentified animal. Those who ridicule the possibility such creatures exist "haven't seen one," he said. "And they're not likely to because the people (who) laugh about this are the people who don't go out in places like this." "I know it because I saw it, and if they don't believe me, they don't have to. I don't mind talking about it," he said. "I know what I saw."

* Bigfoot Afoot in 2003, , http://www.suite101.com/article.cfm/mysterious_creatures/105164
Author: Dina Ely, Published on: December 10, 2003

Some things never go out of style. Bigfoot, aka Sasquatch, aka Yeti, has been puzzling people for centuries in every corner of the globe. 2003 brought no end to the Bigfoot mystery. Unfortunately, 2003 brought no solution to the mystery, either. It didn't even bring any major clues. Bigfoot is as elusive now as he has ever been, and the answer to the ultimate question of his existence depends on who you ask. Science is relatively open-minded. Bigfoot looks an awful lot like the "missing link" between man and ape, so evolutionists have nothing to lose by finding definitive proof that Bigfoot really is roaming the globe. For those of us who believe, for whatever personal or sentimental reasons, that Sasquatch exists and only manages to elude our clumsy attempts at capturing proof, I provide to you a by no means complete run-down of 2003's Bigfoot sightings. Consider it the tip of the iceberg.

The Top 10 Bigfoot Sightings in 2003

1. Bigfoot was spotted in Beijing, China. This sighting was big enough to hit CNN in June. Several Bigfoot sightings were reported to, and reportedly investigated by, Chinese authorities. The creature was sighted in a nature reserve in the Hubei province.
2. In September, two pre-teen children saw Bigfoot in Hiouchi, CA. Almost simultaneously, others reported seeing Bigfoot in Klamath, CA. Both places are part of the greater Del Norte County. Does that name ring a bell? It should. It's where the most legendary—and most controversial, Bigfoot film ever produced was recorded in 1967.
3. A Yeti's paw was found in Siberia in October. Well, that's what the locals are calling it, anyway. A mountain climber found the severed paw embedded in permafrost high in the Altay mountains. Scientists used X-Ray to determine the paw is several thousand years old, but were unable to identify the creature to which it belonged. It's interesting to note that in the Congo not long before, a previously unidentified type of ape was discovered.
4. Again in October, in Bennington, Vermont, Bigfoot was sighted by several people in cars, as they drove past the creature. Despite the fact that Bigfoot has been reported in Vermont since at least 1879 (when the New York Times published an account of Bigfoot in Vermont), most the eyewitnesses are skeptical. It seems a local joker is famous for pulling pranks on the townsfolk, and most feel that the Bigfoot in question was really the prankster in a gorilla suit. Or was it?
5. A flurry of Sasquatch sightings in the Vancouver Islands, Canada, had enthusiasts hopeful that DNA evidence of Bigfoot's existence would be procured in 2003. The best method to capture Bigfoot DNA? Wait for someone to see Sasquatch scratching an itch on a tree, then scrape DNA samples off the bark. No luck so far.
6. Once more in October, Bigfoot finally got some serious press: the National geographic gave Bigfoot the once-over with an article interviewing a professor of anatomy and anthropology at Idaho State University who insists that Bigfoot is real. Read the story here. OK, so it's not a traditional sighting, but it's a sighting on the news stands.
7. And yet again in October (what is it with Bigfoot and October?) an entire train load of passengers were delighted to see Sasquatch strolling along a riverbank near their route as they traveled to Durango, CO, on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge historic railroad. Despite the commotion from the train and its gleeful passengers, the creature didn't so much as glance in the locomotive's general direction.
8. And then in—yep, you guessed it—October, major news media (such as ABC, CBS, and CNN) were all in a race to get the story about a Bigfoot sighting in otherwise sleepy Decatur, Arkansas. The creature sighted, though otherwise fitting the Bigfoot profile, was unusually small (in contrast to the typical 8 or 9 foot stature of Bigfoot). Hope springs eternal, however, that witnesses may have seen a juvenile Bigfoot. One enthusiast was quoted as saying "They're not born nine feet tall." (Benton County Daily Record)
9. July brought two exciting Bigfoot sightings, in vastly different parts of the world. One sighting was in China, where six people including a journalist saw the creature, and the other sighting was in Tennessee. The Chinese sighting included a patch of "foul-smelling urine-like liquid" near where Bigfoot was seen. Meanwhile in TN, Bigfoot was staring at a woman through the window of her trailer home. An investigator from a nearby conference managed to capture a mold of the fresh footprint.
10. Yeti DNA tests proved inconclusive for scientists later in July. Hairs found in a footprint reputedly belonging to the Sumatran Yeti did not match any known creature. Of course that doesn't rule out the existence of Bigfoot. It merely rules out the chance that Bigfoot is an already-identified animal, and deepens the mystery...

Perhaps 2004 will bring more substantial clues? I, for one, will be watching the news wires next October, in case the Bigfoot Flap of October, 2003 occurs annually!

Craig Woolheater, Texas Bigfoot Research Center
http://www.texasbigfoot.com

*Mapinguary or Mapinguari. Also known as Isnashi. Brazil's Bigfoot, described as a tall black-furred hominid usually seen in the jungles along the 'Rio Araguaia', a large river in Brazil's state of Mato Grosso do Sul. Ape-like creatures have been reported in many areas of Brazil for over two hundred years, but it seems that this central area of immense and diversified country is the 'hotspot' for them. In March and April of 1937 one of these creatures supposedly went a three week rampage at Barra das Garças, a small farming town 300 miles southeast of the city of Cuiabá, capital of the central state of Mato Grosso do Sul. A large number of heads of cattle were slaughtered by somebody or something with super-human strength, enough to torn out their huge tongues. Reports included unconfirmed sightings, humanoid-like tracks as long as 18 inches, and horrible roaring from the woods. All together, over one hundred heads of yellow cattle of old Spanish

origin were killed, all the way to Ponta Branca, located 150 miles south of Barra das Garças. This Mapinguary rampage made the major newspapers in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo. Other reports from South America describe the Mapinguari as a large foul smelling nocturnal animal, covered in red hair and with a frightful screaming cry. This other version of the legendary creature is supposedly a strict vegetarian, with feet that are turned backwards and claws capable of ripping apart the palm trees it feeds on. Other local names for this type include 'capé-lobo' (wolf's cape), 'mão de pilão' (pestle hand), and 'pé de garrafa' (bottle foot). According to old Indian, 'seringueiro' (rubber tree worker) and 'caboclo' (local mixed race people) legends, the Mapinguary was a man whose hubris led him to seek immortality and who is now relegated to wandering the forest forever as a stinking, shaggy, one-eyed beast. Fifteen feet tall and with hair so thick it makes it invulnerable to bullets, swords, knifes, arrows and spears, the creature loves tobacco and twists off the upper skulls of its human victims so as to suck up their gray matter. But its most freaky feature is its 'extra mouth' in the middle of its belly! When it feels threatened, it lets out a truly vile stench — something like commingled garlic, excrement, and rotting meat — from this second mouth, which, the Indians say, is strong enough to suffocate any attacker. Because of this despicable odor, the creatures are often followed by clouds of flies, and the strongest warriors are forced flee from the smell of the monster alone; others find themselves dazed and sick for days after an encounter. Because of such reports, legends and descriptions, a small umber naturalists believe that these are surviving specimens of the giant ground sloth, Mylodons, generally assumed to have died out around thousand years ago. They were red-haired vegetarians that emerged about 30 million years ago and roamed the Americas, the Caribbean, and Antarctica. With large claws that curled under and faced backward when they walked on all fours, these giant marsupials could also stand on their hind feet like people. Some species had dermal ossicles, bony plates that made their skin very tough http://www.occultopedia.com/m/mapinguary.htm

CONFERENCES

Craig Woolheater. I have just sent out two invitations to two possible speakers for the 16'th Annual Bigfoot Conference. IF this Conference takes place, it will be on April 17'th, 2004. I will not mention names until either or one of them confirms to speak. I have 1 or 2 others in mind, but haven't written them yet. Please understand, the Conference is NOT A DONE DEAL! It is NOT a certain thing that it will take place. This decision will be reached soon. Updates will be e-mailed to you when necessary. Any suggestions on who you'd like to see speak?

* Don Keating,, 16th Annual Bigfoot Conference Host, Newcomerstown, OH http://www.angelfire.com/oh/ohiobigfoot/abc.html Apr 3, 4-10PM, David Barber Civic Center. Speakers: Daniel Perez, Eric Altman, and Rick Fisher.

BOOKS

New book by Mary Alayne Green, cover art by Rob Butler. 2003, 8.5X11in, 177pp, plastic cover, index. Send $15 to Mary A. Green, 233 Warren Ave, Algood, TN 38506.

In 1961 Mary saw a shadow cross her window. There is a lot of material that covers her early life, and possible contacts with a Bigfoot.

There were early strange wails in the night, like a woman screaming in pain; eyes at the window; freezer food disappears. In 1971 her daughter saw a creature, and several other reports are covered, including a 1998 Overton County, TN, one. Then, the text goes to cover her conversion to an investigator, investigating strange calf and deer kills, and strange structures. A dog whistle was once used, and resulted in a creature charging her. Other cases involve habituation thru feeding.

The volume ends with a biography of many other researchers. If you haven't yet read "50 Years With Bigfoot,: inquire about it also.

* Joe Beelart Jan 4 letter. "The Screen Guild in LA, has listed the screen play based on my book Aparently 16 places have requested copies. Not much reward even if it sells. The screen writer will do OK. Need to revise it and get it published.

This would be, "The Great Sasquatch Conspiracy," or, "Blood On Bigfoot Mountain," 1998. Long out of print...perhaps Joe will do some reprints? Did see one in a used book shop at an atrocious price.

* Meet the Sasquatch/Bigfoot

Description: Meet the Sasquatch Bigfoot started as a compilation of pictorial evidence by Christopher L. Murphy, a publisher author, who has been involved in sasquatch research for over ten years. He met Yvon Leclerc, who shares the same interest, over the internet. Yvon's remarkable scientific abilities, insights and talents as an illustrator, resulted in a partnership for a possible publication to be authored by Murphy with Leclerc providing the illustrations. A Manuscript was prepared and submitted to Hancock House Publishers for considerations. In the course of events, Murphy submitted a proposal for a sasquatch exhibit at the Vancouver Museum. The museum approved the exhibit and Murphy thereupon teamed-up with the highly acclaimed sasquatch researcher and author John Green to assist with the exhibit. Upon advice from David Hancock, it was decided to have the proposed book accompany the museum exhibit. Green supported this idea and provided his vast knowledge and extensive photographic material for the publication. Murphy then asked the noted sasquatch researcher and author Thomas Steenburg to lend his knowledge and talents to the project, especially in the fact gathering, compilation and editing related to the book, With the subsequent additional knowledge of numerous contributors, the work provides a highly authoritative and extensive account of the sasquatch phenomenon. Meet the Sasquatch Bigfoot is a milestone in the publication of pictorial information on the sasquatch/bigfoot issue. No previous work has even come close to providing so much pictorial and graphic information. As our title implies, the reader truly comes face to face with North America's most intriguing and fascinating mystery. Publication Date: 2004 Status: New Spring Release

* "Unsuitable" Bigfoot Conclusions. The uncovering of hoaxes does not invalidate the evidence

IT'S DIFFICULT TO understand why the mainstream media, when a hoax is uncovered regarding a phenomenon, declares the entire phenomenon to be

bogus. It's happened again with with creature known as Bigfoot or Sasquatch. Recently, a retired Pepsi bottler named Bob Heironimushas come forward to declare that he was the man in the "gorilla suit" in the famous Patterson film.

And true to form, newspaper columnists picking up the story grin idiotically and shout, "Bigfoot isn't real!" It's a mindless knee-jerk reaction. They did the same when Ray Wallace announced after his death that he had perpetrated a few Bigfoot hoaxes. The Patterson film has always been in dispute; in fact, this is not even the first time someone has come forward to say he was part of the Patterson hoax. But even if we are to take Heironimus at his word, no fair-minded or open-minded person could say that Bigfoot cannot possibly be out there.

Can the mainstream media apply the same logic to itself? Let's see... *New York Times* reporter Jayson Blair was discovered to have falsified many of his articles for the esteemed newspaper. Therefore, all articles in the *New York Times* are hoaxes. It's ridiculous logic, of course. We would have reason to doubt any articles Blair had written (although we could not even declare definitively that all of his writing was phony), but no fair-minded person would conclude that nothing in the *New York Times* could be believed.

The same reason has to be applied here.

When a hoax is revealed or suspected for a paranormal event (and there are plenty of hoaxes), it has to be considered in the context of all the evidence. When it comes to Bigfoot, there is quite a bit of evidence worthy of consideration:

There are hundreds upon hundreds of sightings reported over hundreds of years (not just since hoaxers were inclined to manufacture ape suits).

There are numerous castings of footprints, some showing dermal ridges that experts determined could not have been faked.

There are hair samples, the DNA of which has been analyzed and shown to be from an unknown primate.

It's true that the Patterson film was often referred to as one of the best pieces of evidence for the existence of Bigfoot, and if it is proved without doubt to be a hoax, many will be disappointed. But hoaxes do not invalidate the rest of the genuine evidence. To do so is not smart, is not fair and is not scientific.

Even famed primatologist Dr. Jane Goodallhas stated that she thinks it is likely that the Sasquatch is real. Any rational person who has examined the available evidence, read the testimony of reliable witnesses, and recalls that large groups of intelligent primates have in the past eluded discovery, must conclude that the Bigfoot creature is quite possible.

Stephen Wagner

http://paranormal.about.com/cs/bigfootsasquatch

Note: I have invited (no reply at this time) Greg Long to come to the next IBS meeting, Mar 27th, to tell us about his book and ideas. If you disagree tho', please be nice.

SYMPATHY

* Through a communiqué with researcher Don Keating, I learned of the recent death of his grandfather on November 28th of this year. His age at the time of his death was 89. I had met him on a number of occasions and he was always friendly and welcomed me into his home when I visited Newcomerstown. I thought I would pass this along in case you might like to send condolences. Don can be reached through his e-mail address at eobic@yahoo.com

* New Philadelphia (OH) Times Reporter on November 30'th, 2003. Otis E. Bradshaw Sr., 89, of 536 Oak St., Newcomerstown, O., died Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, in Ohio State University Hospital at Columbus, OH.

He was born March 7, 1914, in Tuscarawas County, OH., a son of the late Etta (Engler) Bradshaw and Thomas S. Bradshaw. He retired from Simonds Industries at Newcomerstown in 1976.

In 1933, he married Clara (Dennis) Bradshaw, who died Feb. 22, 1988. He is survived by one son, Roger Bradshaw and wife Sharon of Lexington, Ky.; one daughter, Sandra Keating of Newcomerstown; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren ; one great-great-granddaughter; and a special friend, Clarise Furniss of New Philadelphia.

He was preceded in death by one son, Otis Eugene Bradshaw Jr., and one brother, Glen Bradshaw.

Services will be held Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003, beginning at 1 p.m. in Addy Funeral Home at Newcomerstown with Rev. Roger Bourne officiating. Burial will be in West Lawn Cemetery at Newcomerstown, OH.

* Redding, California, Record Searchlight, October 17, 2003. COTTONWOOD, Services for Robert G. Everett, 69, of Douglas City will be at 11 a.m. today at the McDonald-Files Chapel in Weaverville. Mr. Everett died Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003, at Mercy Medical Center in Redding. Members of Trinity Lodge 27 Free & Accepted Masons will officiate.Burial will follow at Weaverville Masonic Cemetery with military honors by the Trinity County Marine Corps League.

Born April 10, 1934, in Lansing, Mich., he moved to Trinity County in 1991 from Santa Barbara. He was a career Marine and Army veteran, worked as a Trinity County veterans service officer representative, was a hunter education safety instructor for the state Department of Fish and Game in Trinity County, a member of Trinity Lodge 27 F&AM, Order of Eastern Star Santa Barbara Chapter 78, Order of Eastern Star Northern Lights Chapter 14 and a member and past president of the Trinity Gem & Mineral Society. Bob was president of the Northern California Bigfoot Society.

He is survived by wife Patricia; daughter April Mills of Santa Barbara; brothers Richard of Sun City West, Ariz., George of Washington state; half sisters Lola Conn, Nola Haines, Sherry Vogel, all of Michigan; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society, 3290 Bechelli Lane, Redding, CA 96001, the Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund, 9589 Swede Creek Road, Palo Cedro, CA 96073, or the Trinity Lodge 27 Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 381, Weaverville, CA 96093. Arrangements are being handled by McDonald-Files Chapel in Weaverville

* Dec 27, 2003, Ray Crowe suffered a major heart attack. His wife, Theata, and son Bret, gave him artificial respiration in time to save his life and memory. Due to a previous operation, a leg bypass failed, and blood supply

was lost to his leg, which was amputated Jan 6. Recuperating now, there is a long road to full recovery with an artificial leg and learning to use it. At present, home long enough to do this and Feb newsletters.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many who sent piles of get-well cards...many from people who have never even met me. Also I had many phone calls and visitors at the Veterans hospital.

SERANDIPITY

Feb 8th had a pass from VA hospital and visited the Discovery Museum in The Dalles, OR. The museum was celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of Wasco County. The keynote speaker was state representative Greg Walden. I was able to interview him concerning the Missoula Floods, and found he was already quite knowledgeable on the subject. I mailed a floods newsletter to him and another museum supporter.

REPRESENTATIVE GREG WALDEN BETWEEN RE-ENACTORS OF 1854

Met a real hero. At the Veterans Hospital, met a Mr. Weldon, formerly one of (Brig. Gen Frank) Merril's Mauraders of World War II fame. He survived the1944 800 mile hike through Himalayan Mountains (during monsoons), jungles infested with malaria, leeches and poison snakes; suffered through five major engagements with the Japanese, culminating in the defeat of the Jap 18th Division (conquerors of Singapore), at Myitkyina airfield, Burma (A movie, "Merril's Mauraders," was made in 1962 starring Jeff Chandler).

Mr Weldon told many tales of the battle...some almost humorous; like for instance, in an attack by the Japanese, the soldiers were able to duck down, while the exposed pack mules were slaughtered...they had to pack all the supplies on their backs from then on.

There will be a reunion of the 5307th Merril's Mauraders in St Louis on Labor Day weekend...I hope he can make it.

CANDACE BEEBE 11/27/03 (DON MONROE GRAND DAUGHTER) WITH BIGFOOT HEAD MODEL

CANDACE BEEBE AT ENTRANCE TO MISTLE-TOE CAVE, SPENCER IDAHO, 11/27/03

MARY GREEN SHOT OF TRACKS IN PUTNAM COUNTY, TENN.

Track at the side of the first one

Exclusive Interview With Ms. Mary A. Green (The Tennessee Bigfoot Lady)

Let me first state that Mary A. Green has been most influential in allowing me to get to know more about Bigfoot. I do not know but a handful of people that has has the talent she does for communicating with our "hairy friends". She is one of the most kindess, gentless individuals in this field of research and I sincerely think that this is the main reason Mary has been so successful in her research endeavors. She chose not to travel into the woodlands of the mountains of tennessee with a gun but rather a smile and and a pocket full of compassion.

- What deciding factors initially brought you and your family into southern Bigfoot Research?

The deciding factor for me in entering bigfoot research was to somehow pay retribution to my children for the many years they suffered because I didn't believe their reports of seeing something unusual. I always thought my children were unusually afraid to play outside alone. I couldn't understand that as I had never been one to be afraid of being outside. Most days, in order to get them out from underfoot, I would have to go outside with them and sit and watch them play. They would look nervously at the woods and any odd noise, leaf crunching sounds they would run to me in terror. I would do my best to soothe them and tell them that there was nothing down there watching them but they never really believed me.

Even when my oldest daughter Cindy was out blackberry picking with her Aunt Brenda Green and they had a bigfoot walk out on them did I concede that a creature such as a bigfoot lived in our woods. Older family members on the farm tried to tell Cindy and Brenda that it could only have been a bear, although it stood upright, and looked human in the face. Here is Cindy's report as she told it to me:

The date this occurred was in July, 1971, in Overton County, TN, on the Green Farm, near a pine and cedar thicket, close to a spring fed creek.

While blackberry picking with an aunt (who was 16 at the time), Cindy, who was 10, had filled their bucket with blackberries. Brenda had done most of the picking. The bucket held nearly two gallons of berries. The two started home and were still quite a distance away from the house. They were walking down a well worn path used by the cows and also used to access the back part of the farm by tractor or truck.

When the girls reached a pine thicket which had many cedars and pine trees around, and where the branches hung lowest to the ground, they began to hear the sounds of a large, heavy animal following behind them, but over to one side. It unnerved Cindy, but didn't seem to be frightening the Aunt, or if it had, the Aunt was not showing her fear.

Finally, Cindy questioned her Aunt Brenda about it because the sounds were beginning to frighten her very much. Brenda told her that it was probably one of the cows and not to worry anymore about it. It was a fact that Brenda knew from experience that the cows shaded there sometimes during the hot summer days. Still, the further they walked, the closer the sounds seemed behind them, until they couldn't ignore what it was any longer, but turned around to make sure what was following them was actually a cow.

Totally unexpected, they saw standing (an estimated 12-15 feet directly behind them) a tall, long armed, hairy man, or so they thought. The features of "its" face, Cindy said, are permanently and photographically etched into her mind to this day. She remembers the eyes most of all, and for some reason, felt like her eyes were glued to the creatures eyes.

She reports the eyes were big and dark brown in color. Cindy said the man-like being also seemed surprised when they turned around. At the moment the girls first saw "it" they screamed out loud, but then stopped short and just stared awestruck back at the "hairy man". Cindy reports that the body hair was short, no more than one to two inches long, and that there didn't appear to be any hair at all on its face. The mouth was long and large, the nose more human than gorilla shaped. It seemed very, very tall to them, at least seven to eight feet as far as she can determine now that she's older.

Cindy said that the hair on the top of its head was quite long, smooth and shiny in the sunlight. She said they stared at each other for long, intense moments, but realize now it was only a few seconds. Then the creature gave them a threatening look, which started them screaming once more. The aunt dropped the bucket of berries and grabbed Cindy's hand, screaming for her to run as fast as she could.

They ran together still clinging to each others hands, too afraid to look behind them. Cindy remembers being too terrified to scream while they were running from it. When their hands broke free, Cindy slowed to retake her Aunts hand, but was shook off and her Aunt told her as they ran to go ahead of her and not to wait on her. Cindy began to cry then, not wanting to leave her Aunt behind, for they were very close to each other, having been together a lot while growing up, but Cindy took her Aunts advice and ran as fast as she could.

It turned out that Cindy didn't need to worry after all, because her Aunt had managed to stay close on her heels anyway. As they neared the house they began screaming hysterically and all in the house came out onto the back porch. This included her grandmother, grandfather, and Cindy thinks her Uncle Jerry was there also but doesn't remember for sure on that part.

Her grandfather, once they'd calmed the girls down enough, grabbed his gun and left to see what had scared them so badly, and Cindy thinks her Uncle went with his Father. The grandmother told them not to ever talk about it again, that it was probably only a bear, while the men were gone to look. Cindy thinks this was very strange also now that she is older, on why her grandmother would insist so vehemently that they had not seen anything but a bear and to be sure and NEVER tell anyone else about it.

The men returned with the bucket after a while and reported the berries were gone, maybe a few were left scattered on the ground. The men did not see or find anything else at all or if they had, they did not tell the girls about it.

There were many other occurrences, all of which would overfill a large sized book, but basically the reason I began a search to discover what type of creature this was is to record the many sightings and eventually publish them because at the time no one believed there could be a hominoid in Tennessee.

- When out conducting field research and feeding, what is the most common form of communication received by you from the Bigfoot?

The first type of contact has proven to be the wood knocking sounds. The closer you get to the bigfoot the louder they knock. I feel they are showing their agitation because humans are in their area. Although the wood knocking has not occurred every time we are close to them, I believe those times that the young are near us is when the knocks become the loudest and most frantic. Also, they emit an extremely shrill, high pitched chirping noise to each other when we are in their areas. Once when I was in their area with another

researcher, Sherry Malin, all afternoon in July, we heard various other noises, one which sounded like a gurgle, another like a whoop, and from another direction higher up on the mountain we heard the airy gruff woooof sounds until well after dark. Sherry and I would respond back to the type of call they made (seemed to be 3 different bigfoot in the area as they responded in a circle around us. This continued intermittently as it seemed they were closing in around us in a circle well after dark until

We had to leave the area for the night. It was awesome, as it was very obvious that we were dealing with an intelligent creature that was trying to communicate something to us.

- Based on your vast knowledge of field research and encounters, what is the best thing an investigator can do when in the company of the Bigfoot?

The best thing one can do if the creature is near but hiding in the brush or on the ground is to ignore it and not act aggressive towards it in any way. This works the best and may extend the time you have to secretly catch glimpses of it. Often, I look in the opposite direction and see if I am dealing with an aggressive bigfoot at the time because they will scream at you to get you to leave and bluff charge in short order if this is the case. They usually just leave the area silently and you never know when they left and I wouldn't recommend chasing one that has. This is where the female researcher has an advantage as they will sneak along just out of sight on occasion, watching you. I feel very uncomfortable with this if I am alone and usually don't tempt fate. I head towards the Blazer after a while. Now if one challenges you in the open, the best deal is to BACK UP with eyes to the ground. When you get a respectful distance away, turn and WALK away as quickly and calmly as you can. That way they know you respect their territory. That is all they are asking for anyway, is for you to respect them as they know they are "king" so to speak of the woods. I don't believe they will openly challenge someone with a gun in sight though unless you try to shoot at it and then you had better run away as fast as you can. There may be others nearby.

- What types of food in general do the Bigfoot prefer and have they ever turned down a specific food during feeding times?

I never implemented a daily feeding program. I have set up feeding stations with small amounts of food by hanging buckets from trees that contain dog food or cat food that I filled only once or twice a week. I was journaling any affects this may have had on the bigfoot accepting me more, and this was not done as a significant feeding program. I believe they loved fruit and veggies and especially corn. Watermelons and cantaloupes were taken frequently also. I have not tried any other foods. In the wild, I am certain they eat a wide variety of plants, roots, birds, deer meat and liver, etc. Often in the winter time they do invade farms and take chickens, hogs, goats, and cattle. They even like eggs from the chickens and birds too.

- Do you believe that there is a psychic connection of any type between us and them?

I don't know about this. This phenomenon has frequently been reported that somehow others have received telepathic messages from the bigfoot. I do know the "fear effect" is commonly reported and that an extreme fear arises when one is in bigfoot territory or they have noticed one close by. There's also the question of why the bigfoot emit such horrible odors when they are afraid and it is speculated that this comes from a "gland" somewhere on the bigfoot itself, most notably under the arm pit.

I just can't say if it's true that the bigfoot are "psychic" but I don't see anything very unusual about it if this turns out to be true. I would think a bigfoot had more psychic powers than a human would, and I base that on the study of the aborigines of Australia and their way of knowing things many miles apart from each other instantly. There are so many directions that bigfoot research can take you in, and I am not scoffing at those who have chosen this type of research to investigate.

• Some researchers in the CBO have had experiences with UFO type entities and crafts; have you ever experienced anything along those lines that you couldn't explain? (it is noted that the CBO does not condone the belief in the connection with UFO's and Bigfoot).

Neither do I connect UFO activity with the bigfoot. I could not even make a guess as to whether there is any connection or not. I am open minded enough to know that there are many things we do not know about bigfoot period! Until I see a UFO land in front me and bigfoot walking out of it, I can't say whether this phenomena is real or not.

• Would you consider our Bigfoot to be "gentle giants" or "angry beasts"?

I don't place the bigfoot in either category. I think they are as dangerous as we humans are, but they do show forbearance it seems to children and women. It's not often that we hear of the bigfoot threatening children, such as it was in Cindy and Brenda's case, but they were older then a small child. We do hear several reports here in Tennessee about the bigfoot attempting to grab children or watch them while they play. They are what they are! A giant hominid that we as of yet have not been able to prove their origins or their lifestyle, but they are very obviously hunters.

I think we grow closer to the truth every day however. Myself, I will give them space and respect them. I don't take chances when they are around and I am tired of hearing if you do not stay and hold your ground you are a big chicken in the research field. God gives us the wisdom to not walk up to a bear, doesn't he? Why would an unknown hominoid be any different? Use the good judgment that God gave us. Those who hunt the bigfoot to kill them and bring fame and fortune to themselves would not respect this and do everything they can to enrage one in order to get it out in the open to shoot it. This hasn't worked so far, has it? Therefore we are dealing with an intelligent giant here.

• In what direction would you like to see Bigfoot Research Groups go towards in the years to come?

I would like to see Bigfoot research groups go towards the approach of allowing the bigfoot to accustom themselves to us humans. They need our help I believe because the reports are becoming phenomenal in nature and many reports are showing up of bigfoot near heavily populated areas. NOW, why would any of God's creatures do that that are designed to live in the wilderness? The answer is they are hungry! We've polluted their environment and they want to survive the same as us, so they are taking chances now. Garbage cans and dumpsters are a direct target and an easy meal but not necessarily the best for the bigfoot. We humans WASTE much food every year. These hominoids cannot afford to waste anything. No wonder they don't respect us and hide from us when we enter their domains!